



2013 WISCONSIN FOREST PRACTICES STUDY MONTHLY UPDATE

February 201

ACRONYMS/ DEFINITIONS

COF – Wisconsin Council on Forestry

Forest Practices – WDNR policies, regulations and guidelines.

GLTPA – Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association

JCF – Wisconsin Joint Committee on Finance

RFP – Request for Proposal

WCFA – Wisconsin County Forests Association

WDNR – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

WFPS – 2013 Wisconsin Forest Practices Study

NCASI – National Council on Air and Stream Improvement

Summary

At the February COF meeting, the Council endorsed the RFP recommended by the COF WFPS Subcommittee. Following the meeting GLTPA and WCFA directed NCASI to distribute the approved RFP to interested individuals and organizations soliciting proposals in one or more of the following research topics.

1. *What is the availability of wood fiber in the state – by broad product categories, region, and ownership – now and in the future? How have changes in land ownership and management objectives, experienced over the last 15 years, affected the supply of wood fiber?*
2. *What are the economic and ecological consequences (cost/benefits) of selected aspects of forestry policies, regulations and guidelines in Wisconsin?*
3. *What forestry-related factors are expected to enhance or reduce the competitiveness of forest-based manufacturing in Wisconsin?*

In addition GLTPA and WDNR signed a Grant Agreement formalizing the administrative process and enabling GLTPA to access funding for the WFPS. The RFP and more information about the WFPS can be found at the WFPS website <http://study.wisconsinforestry.org>.

Schedule

